

**PET CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR BEFORE AND AFTER PET DENTAL CLEANING**

**Before:**

Do not feed your pet after midnight the night before your pet is scheduled for a dental cleaning. A small amount of water is okay for them to have in the morning. Since your pet will be having anesthetic with their dental cleaning it is important to have an empty stomach. Please let us know if your pet accidentally got in to food or treats the morning of their dental appointment.

**After:**

Occasionally after a dental you may notice some blood in their drinking water, this usually comes from the inflamed tissue in their mouth. To avoid stomach upset from anesthesia, do not feed adult dogs/cats for the first 2 to 3 hours. After 2 to 3 hours you may offer small amounts of food, but do not be concerned if your pet does not want to eat right away. Remove food until morning if vomiting occurs. Offer normal amounts of water. If your pet had extractions, feed a soft diet for 2 to 3 days if the mouth seems tender. Your pet can return to its regular diet the day after the procedure if its eating habits appear normal.

The breathing tube can cause minor windpipe irritation resulting in post surgical gagging or coughing. If these symptoms last more than a few days, please call our office.

**If you have any questions or suspect a problem please call our office immediately.**

The following are treatments that you pet may receive during their dental visit:

Pre-anesthetic Blood Test - This blood screen helps identify internal organ disorders. Results let us tailor anesthesia to your pet or postpone the procedure if we find a serious health problem.

Anesthetic - every patient needs an anesthetic because even the best behaved pets won't sit still and "open wide!"

Dental Xrays were done on your pet today. This helps us find any infected teeth that are not obvious during the oral exam.

Ultrasonic Scaling & Polishing - Just like your dentist uses a scaler to remove unwanted tartar build up and a paste to clean your teeth, we use the same practice on your pet.

Fluoride treatment - This foam helps strengthen enamel and reduce tooth sensitivity.

Fluid Therapy - Fluids given under anesthesia help maintain blood pressure and water balance and ensure the pet's kidneys and liver function properly.

Extraction(s) - Infected or damaged teeth will be removed from your pet's mouth.

Pain medication - Because some pets experience discomfort after a teeth cleaning or extraction, we recommend the pain management for your pet.

**PLEASE CALL US AT (714) 771-3261 IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OCCUR:**

- Your pet is unable to stand or walk 12 hour after dental.
- Your pet is not eating or drinking 24 hours after dental.
- Your pet is exhibiting symptoms of significant discomfort or lethargy 48 hours after dental.

**A 14 day dental recheck appointment is included in dental fee for your pet.**